

# REPORT

*Of the Joint Committee of the Senate, and Assembly of  
New-York, &c.*

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The right claimed by the State of South Carolina, to make void the laws of the United States within her territory, is so fully set forth in the Ordinance and documents before the Legislature, and so well understood that a precise statement, in this report, of its nature and extent, would be superfluous.

The committee have considered the claim, thus set up, with the attention due to the high respectability of the source from which it emanated, and to the very grave consequences that would unavoidably result from its establishment; and they concur with the Governor in regarding it as a pretension, "not merely unauthorised by the Constitution of the United States, but fatally repugnant to all the objects for which it was framed."

The unfounded nature of the authority asserted by South Carolina, has been so clearly demonstrated in the proclamation of the President of the United States, which has been published by order of the Legislature, and now on its files; and is so fully confirmed by the concurring opinions of the people of every other state in the Union; that it cannot be necessary that the committee should attempt to shed any additional light upon a subject, in respect to which the argument may, with so much truth, be said to be exhausted.

The duty of the President to exercise the authority vested in him by the Constitution and laws of the United States; to enforce the latter in the State of South Carolina, notwithstanding the unjustifiable attempt on the part of that State to arrest the due execution thereof, is obvious and imperative. And the committee are well satisfied that they represent truly the opinions of the Government and People of the State of New York, when they reciprocate the assurance given by the Governor, that in the performance of that great and responsible duty, by the exercise of necessary and proper means, the President may count on their support and co-operation.

With this brief statement of the principal matter referred